

To Complete a Home Inventory

- Make a list of possessions, including "celebration" purchases, such as jewelry and fine art. Inventory
- Think about family heirlooms, collections and furniture. Also, consider items related to everyday leisure time, from flat-screen televisions to custom guitars.
- Take note of commonplace items, such as toys, CDs and clothing. And, do not forget items you may only use occasionally, such as holiday decorations, sports equipment, tools, and high-ticket items kept outside your home, such as landscape and swing sets.
- Attach copies of original sales receipts and/or appraisal documents to your inventory. Be sure to note model and serial numbers.
- Group your possessions into logical categories, i.e., by hobby, by room in your home.
- Carefully photograph or videotape each item and document a brief description, including age, purchase price and estimated current value.
- Remember to open drawers and closets to document what's inside.
- Store your home inventory and related documents in a safe, easily accessible place, such as a secured site/file online, a fire-proof box or in a safe deposit box. You may want to share a copy with your insurance provider to make necessary updates to your coverage.
- Review and update your inventory annually and anytime you make a significant purchase.
- To get started, download the free myHOME Scr.APP.book app for iPhone by visiting bit.ly/myhomenv or for Android by visiting bit.ly/myhomedroid. Or go to bit.ly/homeinvt to print a simple home inventory checklist.

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